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Jesus Has Power Over Everything!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: JESUS IS STRONGER THAN DEATH

BIG IDEA

There is no problem too big for Jesus, not even death itself. The same powerful name we pray in is stronger than anything in the whole world!

THE STORY

Lee Stoneking was a preacher who had traveled all over the world telling people about Jesus. In late 2005, he flew all the way to a country called Australia for some special meetings. He was at the airport with his wife and friends, waiting, when something scary happened.

Suddenly, Lee fell down. His heart stopped beating. Right away, helpers rushed over and began working hard to wake him up. They rushed him to the hospital, where the doctors did everything they possibly could.

The doctors tried and tried for a very long time. But after all their best efforts, Lee's heart was still not beating. For more than forty-five whole minutes, Lee was gone. The doctors were so sad. They thought there was nothing more anyone could do.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

But here's the wonderful part, the doctors were not the only ones in that hospital! In the waiting area, Lee's wife and friends began to pray. And oh, how they prayed! They called out the one name that is stronger than anything: the name of Jesus.

'We will not give up!' they said. They believed with all their hearts that the same God who raised Jesus from the dead long ago was still powerful and could help even now. They kept calling on Jesus.

Then something happened that the doctors could not explain at all.

A tiny heartbeat came back. Thump. Then it grew stronger.

Thump-thump! Soon Lee's heart was beating normally again! When he finally opened his eyes, he could talk and think perfectly. After being gone for so long, he should have been very hurt, but he wasn't. Jesus had made him completely well!

Before long, Lee was up preaching again, strong and clear. Later, the doctors did some special tests and found something even more astonishing. A tiny marker in his body that had once warned of heart trouble was simply gone! The doctors said his recovery was medically impossible. But nothing is impossible with God!

Lee has told this true story hundreds of times since that day. He even told it once in front of important leaders from all around the world at a place called the United Nations!

And every single time, Lee gives the same happy answer: 'I was dead.'

Jesus raised me. The same name we use in water baptism is the name that has power even over death itself! Isn't it wonderful to serve a Jesus who is stronger than everything?





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DID YOU KNOW?

- Lee Stoneking's heart stopped while he was at an airport in Australia, all the way on the other side of the world!
- The doctors did everything they could for over forty-five minutes before his wife and friends' prayers were answered.
- After he was healed, special tests showed a marker in his body that warned of heart trouble had completely disappeared!
- Lee told this true story to world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly.
- The doctors who looked at his case said his recovery was medically impossible, but God did it anyway!

MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” John 11:25

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did Lee's wife and friends do in the waiting room while the doctors were trying to help him?
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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

2 The doctors said it was impossible, but God did it anyway. What does this story teach us about what God can do?

3 Lee said the same name we pray in is stronger than death. Why is the name of Jesus so powerful?

4 Lee's friends refused to give up praying. Can you think of something you should keep praying about and not give up on?

5 How would you tell a friend about Jesus' power if they were feeling scared or sad?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that You are stronger than anything, even stronger than death! Because You have all power, I never have to be afraid. Help me to trust You and to keep praying, knowing You can do the impossible. In Your wonderful name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Make a 'Jesus Is Stronger' poster! On one side, draw or list big problems that can feel scary. On the other side, draw a big crown or the name JESUS, and talk about how He has power over every single one. Then find John 11:25 in a Bible and read it out loud together as a reminder that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

